

# THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DEVELOPMENT AID

Strengthening African Voices in sub-Saharan Africa

# **About the Program**

The program aims to strengthen the capacities of African researchers and policy institutions to inform and advise the priorities of old donors, including USAID, and new donors such as China, in sub-Saharan Africa. It supports African research institutions and researchers to define, leverage and institutionalize research agenda on development aid effectiveness, in two key sectors in sub-Saharan Africa: health and agriculture. It does so through funding for collaborative research targeted at institutions, by creating opportunities for researchers to interact with decision makers in recipient governments and aid agencies, on-line and face to face, by publishing authoritative research on development.

Research under this program has highlighted the limitation of existing research agendas on aid effectiveness and growth, and mapped the landscape of research collaborations that could support better-informed priority-setting by development aid agencies. In two high-level policy dialogues, agencies, recipient governments and academics recognized the urgent need for local research to inform aid choices in sub-Saharan Africa. Outputs from funded research are being disseminated in national policy seminars across the continent by the African Economic Research Constortium (AERC), and globally in high-level policy dialogues and online by GDN.

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# **Program**

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